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LANGUAGE IN QATAR



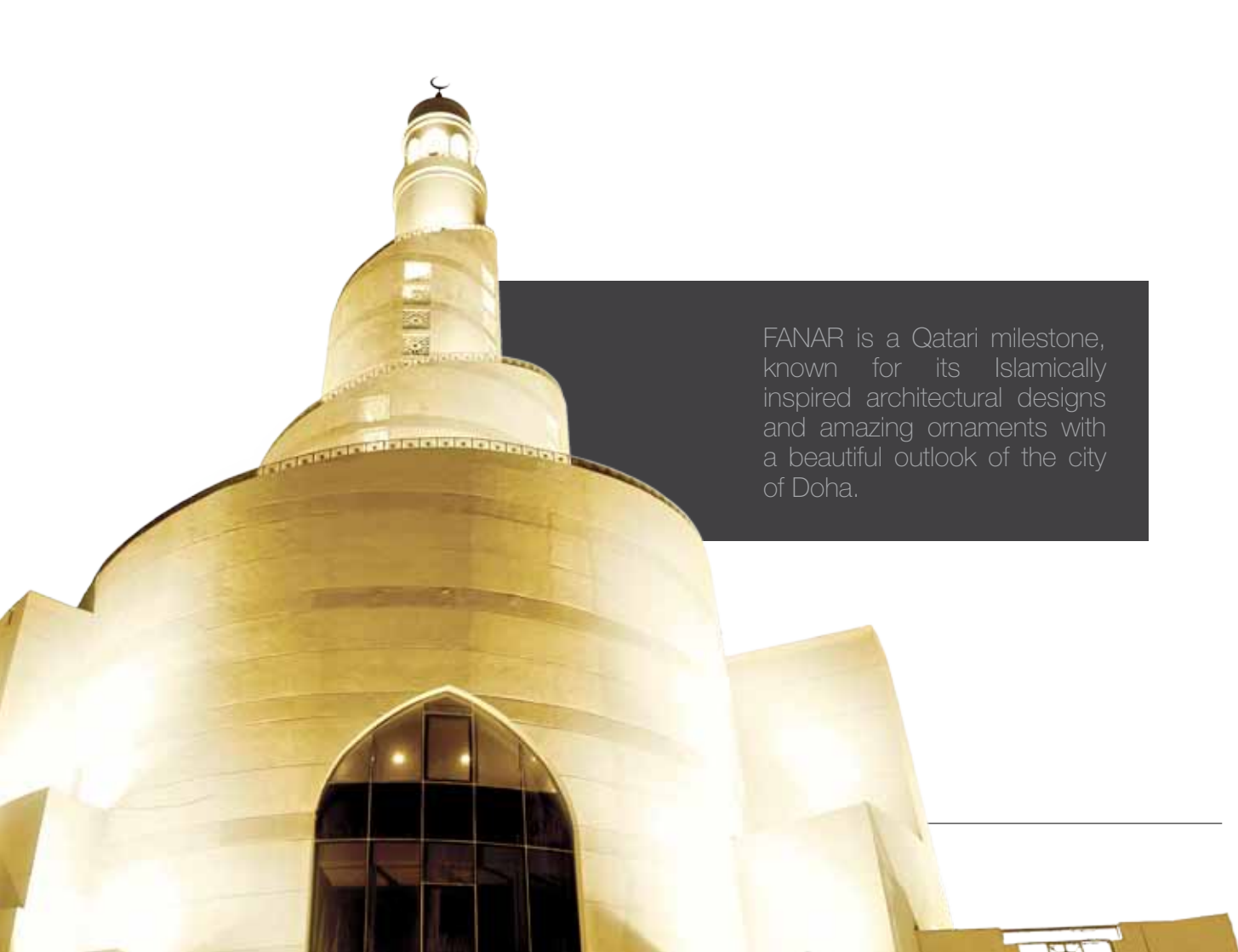
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FANAR is a Qatari milestone, known for its Islamically inspired architectural designs and amazing ornaments with a beautiful outlook of the city of Doha.

ABOUT US

Fanar was chosen as our name because of its high-profile mission which is to act as a guiding light to mankind and to help the expatriate community of Qatar to deepen their understanding of the local culture in every aspect.

Fanar is a colloquial Qatari term borrowed from Turkish and commonly used in the Egyptian language to mean the fluorescent floodlight mounted on a high tower, to make up the pilot beacons used in homing the open sea navigators back to safe shores.

The oldest and most famous ever structure is the Alexandria lighthouse which was first built between 297 and 280 BC.

From the rich Qatari heritage of sailing at large, the lighthouse was a tangible way of returning to land safely.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Education department has been functioning from the very creation of the centre. The department has a clearly defined set of goals and subject areas, and has worked tirelessly in bringing around the necessary curricula to support their work.



The Education Institute at Fanar decided to focus on 3 key areas: The Arabic Language, courses learning about Islam, and courses to develop the staff of Fanar and the Ministry of Awqaf.

The development of the curriculum depended upon the subject area being developed, so for fields such as ICDL, we took the syllabus from the world

leaders. In the other two areas of our work, after much research, we found that existing curricula were not suitable to the specific needs of the non-native speakers, the dynamics of Qatar, or were not contemporary enough.

Hence, the department set about developing its own material, and used a unique approach in its development.

ARABIC COURSE : SYLLABUS

The Arabic Course at Fanar is split into 5 levels, starting from the very basics of the alphabet because of its script, and progressing to a stage where the student is proficient in speaking, reading, writing and listening.



The course is structured in a unique manner, based upon the sound of a letter. This style allows people to understand one of the major differences between Arabic and other languages. It allows people to find the very subtle, yet highly important differences between letters that often sound the same, but will have a major impact on the meaning of a word.

We focus upon other major differences, such as writing from right to left, and the different appearance of the same letter in different placement in a word. The course progresses to understanding all aspects of the language, by looking at conversation, verbs and their formation, and vocabulary. The syllabus has been designed to be simple and

clear, building up the knowledge and ability of the student in gradual phases, and is created in such a way that the teachers support this growth. This is evident in the number of exercises found throughout the course, allowing each part to be put into practice, along with a comprehensive range of pictures to support the material.

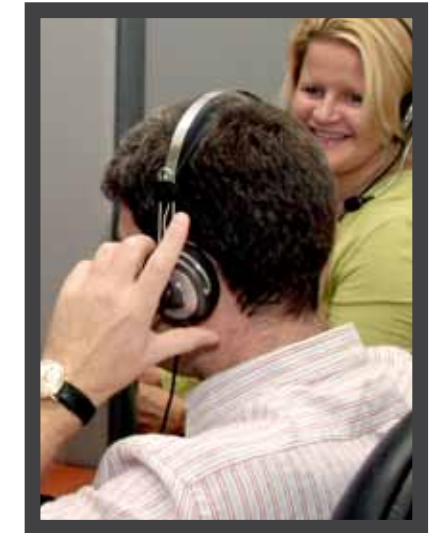
ARABIC COURSE : FACILITIES

The education department has facilities that are not usually associated with the learning of a language.



Each class has an interactive smartboard, with the teaching material given to you projected so that the teaching of each lesson is visually clear. Elements of the course are interactive with the parts of the lessons hyperlinked to audio files.

We have developed interactive multimedia material to support and supplement the course, and have a purpose built language lab that will allow people to spend their free time practicing their newly learnt skills.



ARABIC COURSE : STUDY OPTIONS

The Arabic course is presented in either an intensive manner for full-time students or designed for those who live in Doha and have other commitments such as work and family.



INTENSIVE SCHEDULE:

Each level in the Arabic course lasts approximately 1 month. There is a dedicated 60 hours of study per level with teacher, plus an unlimited amount of time that can be spent in the language lab. The classes are traditionally 4 hours per day, 5 days per week, leaving

plenty of time for study in the evenings and weekends.

This allows the course material to be completed in 3 weeks, allowing for a week of review and revision before completing the end of course exam.

NORMAL SCHEDULE:

The normal classes run for 2 hours per class, three times per week, with the same 60 hours of tuition taking approximately 12 weeks to complete. The course has flexibility in that the classes are run either in the mornings or evenings, with differing days and timeslots allowing people a whole range of options for choosing their time of study.

ARABIC COURSE : SCHEDULE

The Education Institute conducts teaching year round, with all levels taught in each semester.

Spring	1st Week of April	End of June
Summer	1st Week of July	End of August
Autumn	Mid September	Mid December
Winter	1st Week of January	End of March

Passing the examination of one level will allow automatic entry into the next level, be it in an intensive course or from one semester to another.



FANAR now uses its metaphor to act as a beacon of light to humanity, hoping to present culture to feed and nurture the soul.

ARABIC COURSE : COURSE DELIVERY

Fanar can provide the option to deliver the course at venues around Doha, be they based at a company, university or other suitable location.

The clear advantage presented is that an organisation can now look to comprehensively train its staff together, adding efficiency while developing their skills. The students will feel more confident, learning together as a team and sharing their experiences, supporting one another

while undertaking this new opportunity.

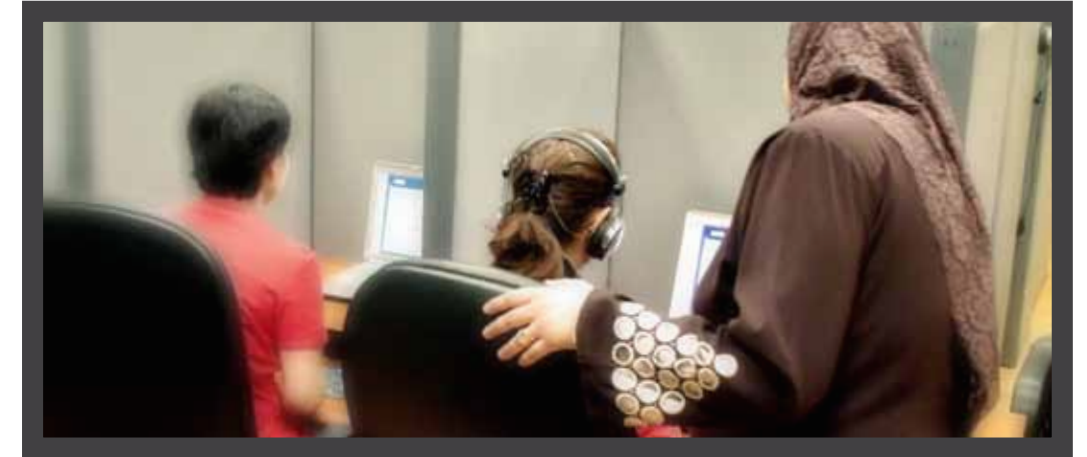
Provision of classes in-house can be completed simply, as long as the teaching room meets certain requirements, and there is a confirmed booking for at least 20 students per level.



FANAR is governmental organisation that presents culture to all world through a variety of activities such as Exhibitions, tours of the centre, visits to the mosque and Arabic language Courses.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A pre-course test will be conducted to assess student placement.



There is no test for those who wish to register at level 1, however all other students will be placed according to their ability and knowledge of the language.

There are no other requirements for educational experience, although we expect all students to be able to meet visa requirements for entry to the State of Qatar.

The minimum age for students is 16. Students aged 16 to 18 should be accompanied by an adult, as we do not provide supervision for minors.

REGISTRATION

We make registration an easy process.



To register, the following steps should be completed:

- Complete the application form.
- Provide 2 copies of ID / Passport.
- Provide 2 passport size photographs.
- Pay the appropriate fees.

The process can be completed by visiting the centre or on-line at www.fanar.gov.qa.



FEES

Our fees for educational services are amongst the most competitive in the world.



INTENSIVE COURSE:

We expect most students to complete a 3 month course in Arabic, which will allow people who have little or no Arabic experience to have a good basic understanding of the language at the end.

Fees for overseas students include course material, and study fees: 1000 QR

NORMAL SCHEDULE:

The course covers provision of the teacher and the course text book only, and is payable per level: 300 QR

Currently the students are responsible for arranging their own accommodation and visa requirements. We are currently negotiating terms with local residences to secure below market rate contracts.



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